

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

RELATIVE

To bequest of George W. Cullum for a memorial hall at West Point.

APRIL 27, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 26, 1892.*

SIR: The attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York has informed me of the bequest of \$250,000 to the United States Government by the will of Gen. George W. Cullum, deceased, and I have directed him to appear for the Government at the probate of the will. I have the honor to submit this information for such action as may deemed proper, and inclose a copy of the items in the will relating to this bequest. I have also transmitted this information to the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES H. ALDRICH,
Acting Attorney-General.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Thirty-third: I give and bequeath to the Government of the United States the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars upon the following terms and conditions, viz: That during the life of Maj. Gen. James B. Fry and Peter S. Michie, hereinafter named, and at farthest within five years after my death, it will authorize to be built, and will build and maintain upon the public grounds at West Point, N. Y., a fire proof stone memorial hall, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Military Academy, three other members of the academic board thereof, and my military executor, Major General James B. Fry; or, he not surviving at the time, another member of the academic board, all of whom I desire should be graduates of the Military Academy. This memorial hall I wish to be a receptacle of statues, busts, mural tablets, and portraits of distinguished deceased officers and graduates of the Military Academy, of paintings of battle scenes, trophies of war, and such other objects as may tend to give elevation to the military profession; and, to prevent the introduction of unworthy subjects into this hall, I desire that the selection

of each shall be made by not less than two-thirds of the members of the entire academic board, the vote being taken by ayes and nays and to be so recorded. It is also my desire that this hall should be adapted for use on any ceremonial occasion taking place at West Point, N. Y., and for the assemblage and dinners of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, and, if practicable, I wish that lodging accommodations should be provided in some part of it for the members of that association while attending its annual reunions.

Thirty-fourth: In the event of the Government of the United States not complying with the conditions of the above gift and accepting it during the lives above named, and at farthest five years after my death, the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars provided in article thirty-third of this will for the building of a memorial hall, I give and bequeath to Major General James B. Fry, Peter S. Michie, and Edgar W. Bass, the said sum in trust to erect the said memorial hall in the vicinity of West Point, N. Y., for the same purposes and under the same conditions as specified in the above article; and should it become necessary to purchase land for the site therefor, I give and bequeath for this purpose the additional sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may become necessary.

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